

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are pending in this application. Claims 1-19, 27 and 41 are previously canceled.

Claims 23, 25, 28, 37, and 42 are deemed allowable but objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Independent claim 22, from which claim 23 depends from, is amended to recite the limitations of claim 23. Thus, claim 22 is allowable and claim 23 is accordingly canceled. Claim 25 depends from claim 22, which is now allowable, and thus, the objection with respect to claim 25 is moot.

Independent claim 26, from which claim 28 depends from, is amended to recite the limitations of claim 28. Thus, claim 26 is allowable and claim 28 is accordingly canceled. Independent claim 36 is amended to recite the limitations of claim 37. Thus, claim 36 is allowable and claim 37 is accordingly canceled. Claim 39 depends from claim 36, which is now allowable, and thus, the objection with respect to claim 36 is moot.

Independent claim 40, from which claim 42 depends from, is amended to recite the limitations of claim 42. Thus, claim 40 is allowable and claim 42 is accordingly canceled.

Claims 20, 21, 23, 24, 28-35, 37, 38, and 42-27 are canceled without prejudice.

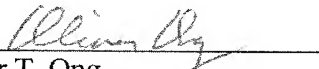
In view of the above amendments, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call its attorney at the number listed below.

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